

Article - Alcoholic Beverages

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§1–308. IN EFFECT

The Comptroller may:

(1) under § 6–202 of this article, inspect and search a building, vehicle, or premises where alcoholic beverages are authorized to be kept, transported, manufactured, or sold;

(2) under § 6–203 of this article, use certain equipment and other means to measure the quantity and quality of alcoholic beverages; and

(3) under § 6–204 of this article, issue summonses for witnesses for hearings and inquiries.

§1–308. ** TAKES EFFECT JUNE 1, 2020 PER CHAPTER 12 OF 2019 **

The Commission shall develop best practices for:

(1) the dedication of a minimum effective portion of the budget of a local licensing board to administrative enforcement activities, such as inspections, compliance checks, overservice, operations, and trade practice violations;

(2) the carrying out of compliance checks for alcoholic beverages licenses, in which each license is checked at least once a year;

(3) the development of guidelines for the minimum capacity of inspections carried out by inspectors of local licensing boards, based on the number and type of licensed outlets in the licensing jurisdiction;

(4) ensuring that alcoholic beverages inspections be based on data such as the violation history of the license holder, and calls for emergency assistance, emergency medical service, or nonemergency service, so that resources are being allocated based on where the greatest need is;

(5) the reporting of aggregate data between local police and local licensing boards;

(6) the development of mandatory State–provided training for liquor inspectors;

(7) reporting by the State to the affected local licensing board of a State-issued license or permit within 10 days after the State receives an application;

(8) the development of a public health impact statement for all changes to the State alcoholic beverages laws; and

(9) ensuring that:

(i) all license holders, managers, and servers receive certification from an approved alcohol awareness program; and

(ii) at least one employee who is certified in an alcohol awareness program be on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages are served.

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